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NATIONAL

65th National Film Awards

- ❖ The Union Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has recently announced the 65th National Film Awards for the year 2017.
- ❖ The Feature Film Central panel was headed by Shri Shekhar Kapur, an eminent filmmaker known for his works in Hindi cinema and international cinema.
- ❖ The Non- Feature Film panel was headed by Shri. Nakul Kamte.
- ❖ The National Film Awards are most prominent film award ceremonies in India, established in 1954. Since then awarded annually.
- ❖ Winners in different categories of these awards are selected by a national panel of Juries appointed by Union Government.

| Award categories | Recipients |
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| Dada Saheb Phalke Award | Vinod Khanna |
| Best Feature Film | Village Rock star (Assamese) |
| Best Director | Jayaraj for Bhayanakam (Malayalam) |
| Best Actress | Sridevi for 'Mom' |
| Best Actor | Riddhi Sen for 'Nagar Kirtan' |
| Best Action Direction | 'Baahubali 2 |
| Best Choreography | Ganesh Acharya for 'Toilet, Ek Prem Katha' |
| Best Special Effects | 'Baahubali 2: The Conclusion' |
| Special Jury Award | Nagar Kirtan (Bengali) |
| Best Lyrics | J.M prahalath (Muthurathina song) |
| Best Music Direction | AR Rahman for 'Katru Veliyidayi' |
| Best Make-up Artist | Ram Rajak for 'Nagar Kirtan' |
| Best Costume | Gobinda Mandal for 'Nagar Kirtan' |
| Best Production Design | Santosh Rajan 'Take Off' |



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| Best Editing | Rima Das for 'Village Rockstar' |
| Best Sound Design | 'Walking With The Wind' |
| Best Audiography (Location Sound) | Mallika Das, Village Rockstar |
| Best Location Sound Recording | Mallika Das for 'Village Rockstar' |
| Best Screenplay Original | Thondimuthalum Driksakshiyum |
| Best Screenplay Adapted | Bhayanakam |
| Best Cinematography | Nikil.S.Pravin -Bhayanakam |
| Best Female Playback Singer | Sashaa Tirupati for 'Kaatru Veliyidayi' |
| Best Male Playback Singer | K.J Yesudas for the song 'Poy Maranja Kalam' from 'Viswasapoorvam Mansoor' |
| Best Child Artist | Anita Das for 'Village Rockstar' |
| Best Children's Film | 'Mhorkya' |
| Best Film on Environmental Conservation | 'Irada' |
| Best Feature Film on National Integration | Dhappa (Marathi) |

Best Regional Films Special Mention

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| Marathi | Mhorkya |
| Malayalam | Take Off |

Best Regional Films

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| Tamil | To let |
| Hindi | Newton |
| Ladakh | Walking With The Wind |
| Lakshadweep | Sinjar |
| Tulu | Paddayi |
| Marathi | Kachcha Limboo |
| Malayalam | Thondimuthalum Driksakshiyum |
| Kannada | Hebbettu Ramakka |



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| Bengali | Mayurakshi |
| Assamese | Ishu |
| Telugu | Ghazi |
| Gujarati | Dhh |
| Odiya | Hello Arsi |

UAV technology - Task Force

- ❖ The Union Government has constituted 13-member task force to prepare a roadmap and fast-track implementation of unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) technology or drones in the country.
- ❖ The 13-member task force will be headed by Minister of State (MoS) for Civil Aviation Jayant Sinha and will have representatives from government, PSUs, industry and sectoral experts.
- ❖ The task force will prepare roadmap, including UAV technology outcomes, timelines, implementation and review mechanism and measurable metrics for implementation of UAV technology.
- ❖ This task force will clearly delineate the role of the industry sector in UAV technology utilisation and it will submit its report in six months.

INTERNATIONAL

Eighth Regional 3R Forum

- ❖ The Eighth Regional 3R Forum in Asia and Pacific was held in Indore, Madhya Pradesh.
- ❖ The theme of this edition of the forum was “Achieving Clean Water, Clean Land and Clean Air through 3R and Resource Efficiency– A 21st Century Vision for Asia-Pacific Communities”.
- ❖ It was co-organized by Ministry of Housing and Affairs, Japan’s Environment Ministry, and United Nations Centre for Regional Development (UNCRD).
- ❖ The government of Madhya Pradesh, Indore Municipal Corporation and Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) were Organizing State Partner, City Partner and Industry Partner of the event.
- ❖ The Regional 3R Forum in Asia and Pacific was launched in 2009 in Tokyo, Japan with the objective of integrating 3Rs– reduce, reuse and recycle in policy, planning and development.



United Nations Centre for Regional Development

- ❖ UNCRD was founded in 1971 as an instrument to help achieve the strategy for Second United Nations Development Decade.
- ❖ It was created by agreement between Government of Japan and UN. Its operations are supported by UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN/DESA).

ENVIRONMENT

India's first filament bulb-free panchayat

- ❖ The Pilicode grama panchayat in Kasaragod has become the first filament bulb-free grama panchayat in the nation.
- ❖ The panchayat made this rare achieved by replacing all the filament bulbs by LED bulbs under its unique project 'Oorja Yaanam scheme', which aims to make the panchayat energy efficient
- ❖ The project was implemented with the support of Energy Management Centre (EMC) of the State government, which enforces the Energy Conservation Act, 2001.
- ❖ Last year, Pilicode panchayat won the State energy conservation award, instituted by the State Energy Management Centre (EMC).

STATES

Mission Buniyaad - New Delhi

- ❖ The Delhi government has launched the 'Mission Buniyaad' scheme to improve learning levels of children from classes 3 to 9.
- ❖ In Delhi, the Primary education falls within the ambit of the Municipal Corporations of Delhi (MCDs).



'Mission Buniyaad'

- Joint campaign by the Delhi government and municipal corporations to improve primary education
- Education Minister appeals to parents of students of Class III to VIII to send their wards to creative camps if their child's assessment results are poor
- Baseline assessment of students to check reading ability and maths skills
- Classes will be conducted in "mission mode" between May and June at creative camps
- Government to train mentor teachers for primary schools across Delhi

- ❖ The programme, Mission Buniyaad will run from April to June for class 3 to 5 in MCD schools and class 6 to 9 in government schools.
- ❖ Under this mission, children will undergo a reading level assessment based on which they will be enrolled in specialised classes.
- ❖ The scheme was launched after the National Achievement Survey 2017 data, released by NCERT (National Council of Educational Research and Training) last month.
- ❖ This survey found that Delhi government school students were found to have lowest learning levels in these classes-3 to 9.

Happy Cities Summit

- ❖ Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu inaugurated a three-day long 'Happy Cities Summit 2018' at Mangalagiri town in Amaravati.
- ❖ It is a unique event bringing the best of minds in urban innovation across the world.





- ❖ The Government of Andhra Pradesh is hosting it, the event partners are Confederation of Indian Industries (CII), and Centre for Liveable Cities-Singapore.
- ❖ This is the first time the event is happening in Andhra Pradesh in tune with the government's thrust on raising the Happiness Index in the State.
- ❖ The four central themes of this summit are – citizen-centric governance; livable communities; clean and healthy environment; and vibrant economies.

PERSONALITIES, AWARDS AND EVENTS

Nasscom chairman (2018-19)

- ❖ IT industry body Nasscom has appointed Wipro chief strategy officer and board member Rishad Premji as its chairman for 2018-19.
- ❖ Rishad Premji replaces the incumbent NASSCOM Chairman Raman Roy, Chairman and Managing Director of Quattro Global Services.



- ❖ Besides, Nasscom has appointed WNS Group CEO Keshav Murugesh as the vice chairman.
- ❖ Mr Premji has been a member of Nasscom's executive council and was the vice chairman for 2017-18.
